



# HUBZone Certification

## What is the HUBZone Program?

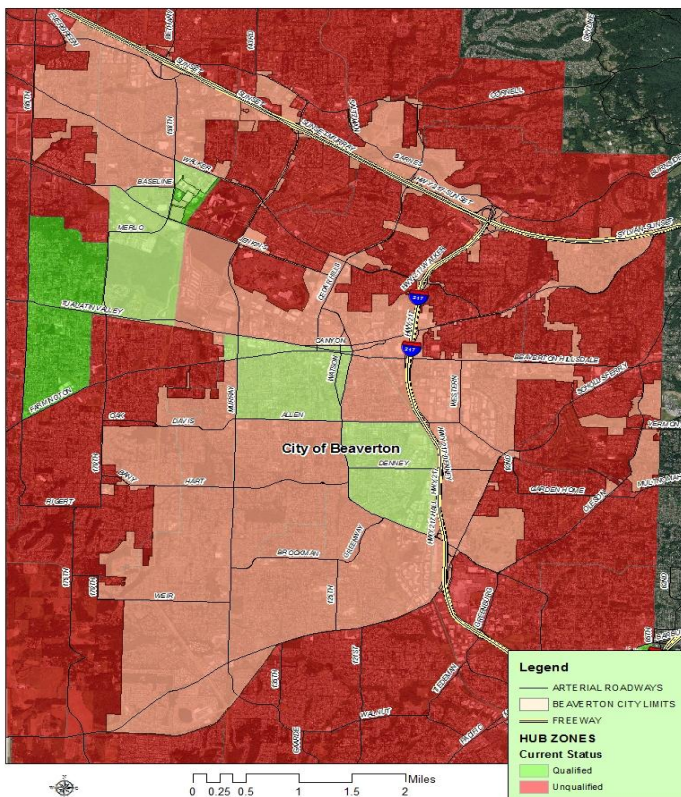
The **Historically Underutilized Business Zones (HUBZone)** Empowerment Contracting Program is administered by the United States Small Business Administration (SBA). Since 1997, the program encourages economic development in historically underutilized business zones "HUB Zones."

SBA's HUBZone program provides access to more federal contracting opportunities. As shown in the map below, the City of Beaverton currently has three census tracts in which eligible small businesses

## Benefits of the HUBZone Program

The following are program benefits for HUBZone-certified companies:

- Competitive and sole source contracting with the Federal government
- Ten percent price evaluation preference in full and open contract competitions, as well as subcontracting opportunities



## Eligibility for the HUBZone

In order to qualify for the program, a business (except tribally-owned concerns) must meet the following criteria:

- It must be a small business by SBA standards
- It must be owned and controlled by at least 51% by U.S. citizens, or a Community Development Corporation, an agricultural cooperative, or an Indian tribe
- Its principal office must be located within a "Historically Underutilized Business Zone," which includes lands considered "Indian Country" and military facilities closed by the Base realignment and Closure Act
- At least 35% of its employees must reside in a HUBZone

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